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2. Applicant is the owner of all rights in U.S. Patent Application No. 09/840,937. Applicant certifies that it is the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in U.S. Patent Application No. 09/840,937 by virtue of an assignment from the inventors of the patent application, the assignment recorded with the Patent and Trademark Office at Reel 012236, Frame 0726.
3. Applicant hereby agrees that any patent granted on the captioned patent application shall be enforceable only for and during such period that the patent and any patent granted on U.S. Patent

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60. As sole owner in the captioned patent application, Applicant hereby disclaims, except as provided below, the terminal part of the statutory term of any patent granted on the captioned patent application which would extend beyond the expiration date of the full statutory term defined in 35 U.S.C. §154 to §156 and §173, as presently shortened by any terminal disclaimer, of any patent granted on U.S. Patent Application Nos. 09/840,937; 09/841,170; 09/841,283; 09/841,285; 09/841,286; 09/841,294; 09/841,300; 09/841,306; 09/841,308; 09/841,429; 09/841,432; 09/841,434; 09/841,439; 09/841,441; 09/841,444; 09/841,445; 09/841,449; 09/841,488; 09/841,490; 09/841,497; 09/841,502; 09/841,638; or 09/841,639.

61. In making the above disclaimer, Applicant does not disclaim the terminal part of any patent granted on the captioned patent application that would extend to the expiration date of the full statutory term as defined in 35 U.S.C. §154 to §156 and §173 of a patent granted on U.S. Patent Application Nos. 09/840,937; 09/841,170; 09/841,283; 09/841,285; 09/841,286; 09/841,294; 09/841,300; 09/841,306; 09/841,308; 09/841,429; 09/841,432; 09/841,434; 09/841,439; 09/841,441; 09/841,444; 09/841,445; 09/841,449; 09/841,488; 09/841,490; 09/841,497; 09/841,502; 09/841,638; or 09/841,639, as presently shortened by any terminal disclaimer, in the event that the patent granted on U.S. Patent Application No. 09/840,937; 09/841,170; 09/841,283; 09/841,285; 09/841,286; 09/841,294; 09/841,300; 09/841,306; 09/841,308; 09/841,429; 09/841,432; 09/841,434; 09/841,439; 09/841,441; 09/841,444; 09/841,445; 09/841,449; 09/841,488; 09/841,490; 09/841,497; 09/841,502; 09/841,638; or 09/841,639 later: expires for failure to pay a maintenance fee, is held unenforceable, is found

invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, is statutorily disclaimed in whole or terminally disclaimed under 37 C.F.R. §1.321, has all claims canceled by a reexamination certificate, is reissued, or is in any manner terminated prior to the expiration of its full statutory term as presently shortened by any terminal disclaimer.

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64. A fee authorization for the required fee is attached.

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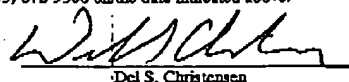
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